(a) whether proposals to open roads from Ernakulam to the Elankulam village been made by any one; if so, by whom;

(b) has anything been done in furtherance of the proposals?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) The Hon'ble Member himself has raised the question of this road in the form of a resolution to be discussed in this Council.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Has any representation been made by the Poonithura-Elamkulam Panchayat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I want notice.

Road from the western Gopuram of Elangunnapuzha temple to the sea—opening of.

219. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the requisition for a road extending to the sea starting from the western Gopuram of the local temple been made by the Public of Elangunnapuzha;

(b) considering the utility and necessity of the road, will the Government be pleased to provide for it in the next budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Government cannot provide for the work in the next budget as this is a work considered by the Road Board and postponed for the present.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Is there any immediate prospect of taking up the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—That has been answered in sub-division (b).

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—So we have to wait till the programme of the Road Board is over?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—As matters stand at present, unless the Road Board alters its programme we have to wait.

Service connection—Maharaja's Hospital, Cochin.

220. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri Town-South).*—(a) whether Alwaye water is supplied for the operation theatre in the Maharaja's Hospital, Cochin; if not, will the Government give pipe connection to the operation theatre immediately;

(b) how many Alwaye water pipe taps are there in the above said hospital and whether they are open at all times; if not, will the Government make arrangements to keep the pipes open at all times?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Alwaye water is not connected to the operation theatre and even if it is done, it is doubtful if water will be available upstairs on account of the heavy draw off at the public taps. A satisfactory service to the theatre can be assured, when the direct supply line to Mattancheri across the back-water begins to function.

(b) There are three taps in the hospital and they can be worked like the other taps in the town.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Special).*—May I know when the direct supply of Alwaye water will begin to function?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I expect it will be complete in about 2 months.

Births and Deaths—Compulsory Registration of.

221. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to make registration of births and deaths compulsory in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Not at present.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know the reason, please?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The matter was considered by the Government and it was decided that for a period of 3 years it may not be made compulsory in the small villages. The main villages have got compulsory system.

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